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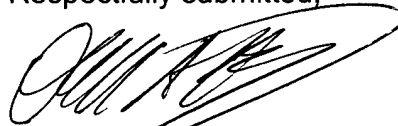
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Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), for those above-cited references that are in the English language, the Applicants submit that no specific comments are necessary for any of these.

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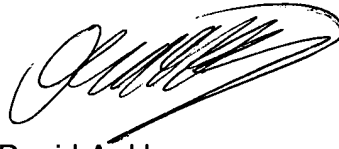
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